

MINUTES

Formulary Committee Meeting

9/13/2017

Committee members present: Mark Cadwallader, Bill Wheeler, Kristine Ediger, Bri Lake, Maralyn Lytle, Misty Knight, Adrienne McLean, Lindi Mandy, Karen Wiles, Lance Zanto, Michelle Fairclough and Mark Eichler.

Members attending via GoToMeeting were: Leslae Dalpiaz, Mike Marsh, Jennifer Hepfner, Doug Buman, and Dr. John Schumpert.

Others present via GoToMeeting: Jason Swant, Ken Eichler

Bill Wheeler opened with a discussion of the Department recommendation that was previously sent out to committee members. No questions were presented regarding the recommendation.

Bill Wheeler discussed the overall goal of the Formulary is to reduce the use of opioid drugs in Montana and to improve injured worker outcomes. He stated the Department feels the data collected from the ERD researchers presents good information regarding the recommendation and believes ODG follows evidence based medicine.

Feedback was presented from the following committee members:

Lance Zanto, Mike Marsh, Doug Buman, Leslae Dalpiaz, Michelle Fairclough, Tony King, Mark Eichler, and Dr. John Schumpert all stated their support for the implementation of the ODG formulary. Becky Curtis indicated her support in an earlier conversation with Bill Wheeler.

The issues of concern over provider access, legacy claims, and dispute resolution were raised, and will be addressed by the committee.

Adrienne McLean presented the timeline, with the goal of completion by the next biennium. Maralyn Lytle and Dr. John Schumpert have already begun the process of reviewing the current U&T guidelines and any changes necessary with implementing the ODG formulary. Bri Lake and Kristine Ediger will work on reasonable necessity items.

Tony King raised the question as to the necessity of a P&T committee. Dr. John Schumpert presented the idea of the future small group meetings to introduce the formulary to providers.

No public comments were presented.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be scheduled at a later date and time.